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Today's News:

Breaking News

Bush, Starting New Term, Stresses Liberty Abroad
By David Stout - New York Times - Breaking News (January 20, 2005)
"President Bush headed for the Capitol this morning to be sworn in for his second term, prepared to call for an expansion of liberty to secure peace around the world."
FULL TEXT

Detroit Free Press

Bush sets honorable goals for freedom worldwide
Editorial - Detroit Free Press (January 21, 2005)
"Give the man his moment. After swearing anew to preserve, protect and defend the U.S. Constitution, President George W. Bush delivered an inspirational inaugural speech Thursday about freedom -- with a little of the humility he once said would be his guide."
FULL TEXT

Los Angeles Times

Putting Democracy First May Test Key Relationships
By Doyle McManus - Los Angeles Times (January 21, 2005)
"For more than a century, presidents have wrestled with the recurring conflict between America's democratic ideals and its real-world interests -- interests that sometimes led the U.S. into alliances with unpalatable dictators."
FULL TEXT

Bush Doctrine: Spread Liberty
By Peter Wallsten and Edwin Chen - Los Angeles Times (January 21, 2005)
"George Walker Bush, taking the oath of office and opening his second term as president, vowed in a sweeping declaration Thursday that the United States would promote democratic movements 'in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world.' "
FULL TEXT

With Tired Feet, Gala Attendees Still Have a Ball
By Robin Abcarian - Los Angeles Times (January 21, 2005)
"There was no place to sit. The food was awful. (Unless you happen to love cheese cubes and bread.) Despite an already substantial ticket price (face value $150; more if purchased from a scalper), partygoers had to buy their drinks separately."
FULL TEXT

Rehnquist Hailed for Administering Oath
By David Savage - Los Angeles Times (January 21, 2005)
"Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist fulfilled a promise to President Bush and to himself when he walked slowly to the inaugural platform Thursday and administered the oath of office to the president."
FULL TEXT

No Country Left Behind
Editorial - Los Angeles Times (January 21, 2005)
"President Bush stood at the apogee of his life Thursday, and he rose to the occasion. A small man (in our view), who became president through accident of birth and corruption of democracy, he has been legitimized by reelection, empowered by his party's control of all three branches of government and enlarged by history (in the form of 9/11). His second inaugural address was that of a large man indeed, eloquently weaving the big themes of his presidency and his life into a coherent philosophy and a bold vision of how he wants this country to spend the next four years."
FULL TEXT

Faithful celebrate Bush right
By Robin Abcarian - Los Angeles Times (January 21, 2005)
"A couple of hours after President Bush took the oath of office, the indefatigable Rev. Lou Sheldon, founder and chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition, was even more upbeat than usual."
FULL TEXT

Searches and Shivers Amid the Revelry

By Faye Fiore - Los Angeles Times (January 21, 2005)
"The security was so tight, parts of the nation's capital felt more like a compound under siege than a city extolling democracy. Snow threatened the parade, and the splendor and frivolity of the balls stood in unmistakable contrast to the tumult overseas."
FULL TEXT

Bush's Goals Are Clear, But Means Remain Murky
By Ronald Brownstein - Los Angeles Times (January 21, 2005)
"George W. Bush's second term likely will be shaped far more by what he did not say in his inaugural address than by what he did say."
FULL TEXT

Bush Begins Day of Pomp and Pageantry
By Edwin Chen and Johanna Neuman - Los Angeles Times (January 20, 2005)
"George W. Bush begins his second term as president today amid celebration and pageantry tempered by the tightest security in inaugural history."
FULL TEXT

GOP Sees Outreach Potential in Agenda
By Peter Wallsten - Los Angeles Times (January 20, 2005)
"President Bush's plans to overhaul Social Security and enact other sweeping policy changes are making some Republican lawmakers uneasy about the political risks. But the party's new chairman said Wednesday that the White House agenda actually could 'broaden and deepen' the GOP's dominance by attracting new voters, including young people and African Americans."
FULL TEXT

Bush Takes Oath of Office
By James Gerstenzang - Los Angeles Times (January 20, 2005)
"George Walker Bush was inaugurated for a second presidential term today, building a ceremony as old as the Republic into a salute to his goal of a new democracy around the globe."
FULL TEXT

Inauguration Unfurls Under Watchful Eyes
By Edwin Chen and Johanna Neuman - Los Angeles Times (January 20, 2005)
"George W. Bush begins his second term as president today amid celebration and pageantry tempered by the tightest security in inaugural history."
FULL TEXT

They'll Propose a Toast to State and Local Aid
By Richard Simon - Los Angeles Times (January 19, 2005)
"Republican governors and mayors coming to Washington to celebrate President Bush's inauguration also have a second, less amiable goal -- fighting the administration over expected cuts in federal aid to fiscally fragile state and local governments."
FULL TEXT

Inauguration Is Their Brush With History
By Johanna Neuman - Los Angeles Times (January 18, 2005)
"Connie Cox, who grew up in Alaska, swore when she left at age 17 that she would never again subject herself to frigid weather. She moved to California, threw away her snow boots and booked annual treks to Hawaii in January."
FULL TEXT

Pomp and Improper Circumstance
Commentary By Robert Scheer - Los Angeles Times (January 18, 2005)
"On Thursday, an estimated $40 million worth of inaugural pomp and circumstance will only temporarily triumph over an incalculable record of deceit and error."
FULL TEXT

Despite the Skeptics, Greatness Is on Bush's 2nd-Term Checklist
By Edwin Chen - Los Angeles Times (January 18, 2005)
"As he prepares to launch his second term, President Bush is aiming for nothing less than a legacy that would rank him among America's great presidents."
FULL TEXT

This Inauguration Day Could Be the Start of Something Big
Commentary By David Hackett Fischer - Los Angeles Times (January 16, 2005)
"Thursday will be the 55th inauguration of an elected president since 1789. The swearing-in ceremony is one of our oldest and happiest traditions. Every four years, we rewind the congressional clock, reset the presidential hands and, in Thomas Paine's expression, 'a new era for politicks is struck.' It is an American paradox. We make these new beginnings in an old-fashioned and habitual way. In place of Leon Trotsky's failed idea of permanent revolution, we have created a process of permanent reform and continuing renewal."
FULL TEXT

Special Interests Pump Cash Into Inaugural Fetes
By Nick Anderson - Los Angeles Times (January 15, 2005)
"Nearly three years after Congress outlawed six-figure contributions to national political parties, dozens of corporations and Republican financiers have given a quarter million dollars each to President Bush's inaugural fund."
FULL TEXT

A Less Traditional Take on Inaugural Festivities
By Faye Fiore - Los Angeles Times (January 14, 2005)
"With the war in Iraq steadily claiming American lives and the world in mourning over the tsunami disaster, planners of the 55th presidential inauguration face an awkward challenge: how to throw the traditional four-day celebration without appearing to have too much fun."
FULL TEXT

Tamer Protests Expected for Second Inauguration
By Johanna Neuman - Los Angeles Times (January 13, 2005)
"Four years ago, thousands of protesters massed along the inaugural parade route to show their anger over the contested election in which President Bush gained his first term. Bearing signs such as 'Hail to the Thief' and 'Supreme Injustice,' they crowded the subways, got into sidewalk debates with inaugural guests and gave a historic day a

heightened sense of democracy in action."
FULL TEXT

New York Times

The President's Speech Focuses on Ideals, Not the Details
By Todd S. Purdum - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"President Bush began his second term without uttering the words 'Iraq,' 'Afghanistan,' 'Sept. 11' or 'terrorism.' But those omissions seemed to be precisely the point, allowing him to cast the crises and controversies of his first four years - and the ones he welcomes in the next - as a seamless struggle in defense of the nation's founding creed: freedom."
FULL TEXT

Bush, at 2nd Inaugural, Says Spread of Liberty Is the 'Calling of Our Time'
By Elisabeth Bumiller and Richard W. Stevenson - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"George Walker Bush was sworn in on Thursday for a second time as the 43rd president of the United States, and in an Inaugural Address striking for its idealism told Americans that spreading liberty around the world was 'the calling of our time' and that the nation's 'vital interests and our deepest beliefs are now one.' "
FULL TEXT

Inaugural Diary
By John Tierney - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"It became clear again last night that this is not a president with happy feet."
FULL TEXT

Mr. Clinton, Mr. Rove, Have a Seat and Pass the Pudding
By Marian Burros - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"It was a riveting sight for those with a keen eye for political theater. During the inaugural lunch, after the swearing-in, there was former President Bill Clinton engaged in a long, animated conversation with Karl Rove. While Mr. Clinton gesticulated energetically, Mr. Rove kept nodding in agreement."
FULL TEXT

The Free Lunch Bunch
Op-Ed Column By Paul Krugman - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"Did they believe they would be welcomed as liberators? Administration plans to privatize Social Security have clearly run into unexpected opposition. Even Republicans are balking; Representative Bill Thomas says that the initial Bush plan will soon be a 'dead horse.' "
FULL TEXT

Dancing the War Away
Op-Ed Column By Bob Herber - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"Watching the inaugural ceremonies yesterday reminded me of the scenes near the end of 'The Godfather' in which a solemn occasion (a baptism in the movie) is interspersed with a series of spectacularly violent murders."
FULL TEXT

Bush's 'Freedom Speech'
Op-Ed Column By William Safire - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"On his way out of the first Cabinet meeting after his re-election, President Bush gave his longtime chief speechwriter the theme for the second Inaugural Address: 'I want this to be the freedom speech.' "
FULL TEXT

The Inaugural Speech
Editorial - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"The individual who occupies the White House is almost always at the center of American political life, but Inauguration Day is about the presidency, not the president. So it was fitting that the noontime ceremony in Washington yesterday focused less on George W. Bush himself than the office he has been elected to occupy for another four years. The presence on the Capitol steps of Jimmy Carter, George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton underscored that, as did the bipartisan phalanx of dignitaries. From the solemn oath-taking to the seemingly endless parade of marching bands from red states and blue, everything underscored the message of legitimacy and acceptance."
FULL TEXT

For Deep-Pocket Givers, Crystal and Candlelight
By Glen Justice - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"By the time Jack Overstreet and Darci Huston walked into the 'Texas-Wyoming Ball' on Thursday night to see President Bush address his home-state crowd, an audience with the president was nothing new."
FULL TEXT

References to Pluralism Try to Establish an Umbrella for a Spectrum of Faiths
By Laurie Goodstein - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"The president who swept to victory by mobilizing his conservative Christian base used his inauguration yesterday to signal that his administration was well aware that when it came to religion, the United States was diverse and divided."
FULL TEXT

Coverage Anchored in Color and Style, Not in Substance
By Alessandra Stanley - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"It was the second inauguration of George W. Bush but the first in a new era of network news. Live commentary by Dan Rather, Brian Williams and Peter Jennings was as subdued and tentative as the president's speech was celebratory and defiant. The coverage was bland, but it certainly proved the pronouncement this week by Les Moonves, the CBS chairman, that the epoch of 'voice of God' anchors was over."
FULL TEXT

A Forgotten Swearing-In, 123 Years Ago
By Clyde Haberman - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"About the same time that President Bush was sworn in for a second term, a businessman from Boston walked along Wall Street, lugging an overnight bag on wheels. He stopped in front of the Federal Hall National Memorial, at the corner of Wall

Street and the expansively named Broad Street, to gaze at the imposing bronze statue of George Washington."
FULL TEXT

Demonstrators Revel in Opposition on Big Day for President
By Michael Janofsky - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"For all their disgust with President Bush's inauguration, protesters could hardly have been happier. They screamed. They chanted. They held up signs. They got their message onto national television."
FULL TEXT

Ailing Chief Justice Makes Good His Promise
By Linda Greenhouse - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"Whether Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's participation in the inauguration signified a last hurrah or a re-emergence after three months of intensive treatment for thyroid cancer was, on the basis of his 13 minutes on the platform, impossible to know."
FULL TEXT

Love Him or Hate Him, All Vie for a Good Perch
By Sheryl Gay Stolberg - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"Seventeen-year-old Hayley Bryant and her high school classmates from Hattiesburg, Miss., arrived Thursday morning for President Bush's inaugural decked out in new ski jackets, matching hats and gloves, and sporting stickers that blared 'Luv Ya Dubya.' If they were lucky, they figured, they might land seats in the back."
FULL TEXT

Inaugural Address by George W. Bush
The New York Times - New York Times (January 21, 2005)
"Following is the text of President George W. Bush's inaugural address, as recorded by The New York Times:"
FULL TEXT

An American in Paris
Op-Ed Column By Thomas L. Friedman - New York Times (January 20, 2005)
"Watching George Bush's second inaugural from a bistro in Paris is like watching the Red Sox win the World Series from a sports bar in New York City. Odds are that someone around you is celebrating - I mean, someone, somewhere in Europe must be happy about this - but it's not obvious."
FULL TEXT

Four More Years of Happiness
Op-Ed By Daniel Gilbert - New York Times (January 20, 2005)
"By now, most of the people I know should be Canadians. At least that's what they said they'd be if President Bush won re-election. And yet, my unofficial tally suggests that the number of disgruntled Democrats who actually emigrated northward is roughly zero, plus or minus none."
FULL TEXT

Christian Conservatives Embrace Inauguration
By David D. Kirkpatrick - New York Times (January 20, 2005)
"President Bush, who starts each day with prayer and Bible reading, will invoke divine blessings on the nation in his second inaugural address like every president before him. What makes his swearing-in different, however, is the enthusiasm of his Christian conservative supporters for his inaugural expressions of faith."
FULL TEXT

Bush, to Best of His Ability, Spends a Day in Celebration
By Richard W. Stevenson - New York Times (January 20, 2005)
"Under a fresh coating of snow and a blanket of security, President Bush spent the final full day of his first term Wednesday celebrating the imminent start of his second, thanking big donors, peering at some treasures of American history and lunching with a clan - his own - that has an increasingly prominent place in it."
FULL TEXT

Washington Mayor Describes Inaugural Precautions as Excessive
By Michael Janofsky - New York Times (January 20, 2005)
"On the eve of President Bush's second inauguration, Mayor Anthony A. Williams of Washington said Wednesday that the city had failed to convince inaugural security officials that in the absence of any specific threat, their precautions were excessive."
FULL TEXT

Capital Weaves a Steel Cocoon for a Big Party
By David Johnston and Michael Janofsky - New York Times (January 19, 2005)
"As the capital prepared to celebrate President Bush's inauguration, the city appeared on Tuesday more like a place under siege. Hour by hour the city of grand buildings and marble statues seemed to disappear behind curtains of steel security fences and concrete barriers."
FULL TEXT

A Celebration Tempered With Solemn Tributes
By Scott Shane - New York Times (January 19, 2005)
"Danny Titus is just two weeks removed from the roadside bomb that blew his armored personnel carrier into a canal outside Baghdad. His shattered jaw has been patched together with two metal plates and three screws. His left hand is laced with shrapnel wounds. His lungs are recovering from severe bruising that put him on a ventilator for days."
FULL TEXT

Bush Starts Inaugural Festivities With Tribute to Armed Forces
By Elisabeth Bumiller - New York Times (January 19, 2005)
"President Bush opened his inaugural celebrations on Tuesday with a lavish two-hour tribute to the United States military, but warned the crowd of 7,000 service members that 'much more will be asked of you in the months and years ahead.' "
FULL TEXT

Where's the Rest of Him?
Op-Ed By Errol Morris - New York Times (January 18, 2005)
"So why is George W. Bush taking the oath of office this week and not John Kerry? For

me, the answer is clear: Mr. Kerry failed because of his inability to tell his own story. John Kerry could have presented to the American people his full biography, but instead he chose to edit who he was. Why?"
FULL TEXT

Inauguration Is Field Day for Scalpers
By Michael Janofsky - New York Times (January 17, 2005)
"So you want to go to the swearing-in, the parade or other inaugural events on Thursday? Good luck."
FULL TEXT

For Inauguration in Wartime, a Lingering Question of Tone
By John Tierney - New York Times (January 16, 2005)
"Inaugurations are always balancing acts: part coronation, part celebration of democracy, part touchdown dance in the end zone. But they become even trickier during times of war, particularly when television images of dancers in black tie can be instantly juxtaposed with soldiers in body armor."
FULL TEXT

A Second Term, Seldom a Charm
By David E. Rosenbaum - New York Times (January 16, 2005)
"The day after he was re-elected in a landslide in 1972, Richard M. Nixon remarked, according to the diary of his chief of staff, H. R. Haldeman, that 'most second terms have been disastrous' and that he was 'determined that his won't be.' "
FULL TEXT

A Gown Without the Texas Twang
By Ruth La Ferla - New York Times (January 16, 2005)
"Laura Bush used to pride herself on being a fashion regionalist, flaunting her Texas loyalties on her sleeve."
FULL TEXT

Washington: Hail to the Chief! And the City He Lives In
By Jennifer 8. Lee - New York Times (January 16, 2005)
"Because this is where the power is. This bluest-of-the-blue city may have given President Bush a paltry 9 percent of its vote, but this week it rolls out the red carpet for his second inaugural. You don't have to be a Republican to appreciate the pomp of the swearing-in on Jan. 20, although hard-core Democrats might want to visit some other week (or wait four years) given the Republican gloating that pervades political circles."
FULL TEXT

Laura Bush Defends Gala in Time of War and Disaster
By Anne E. Kornblut - New York Times (January 15, 2005)
"With less than a week to go until her husband's second inauguration, Laura Bush on Friday defended the decision to hold the $40 million celebration as planned despite a war abroad and the tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean."
FULL TEXT

No Limits for Inaugural Fund-Raisers
By Glen Justice - New York Times (January 15, 2005)
"President Bush's top fund-raisers, who gathered a record sum in a marathon campaign, have shown that they can sprint, as well, collecting up to $40 million in six weeks for the inaugural celebrations."
FULL TEXT

The Sophomore Slump
Op-Ed By Ronald C. White Jr. - New York Times (January 15, 2005)
"As President Bush prepares to deliver his second inaugural address on Thursday, he has choices to make. Will he speak about security in Iraq or Social Security at home? With Mr. Bush experiencing the lowest approval ratings for a re-elected president since World War II, the stakes for his second inaugural address are high. Yet the expectations are low: of the 15 second-term inaugural addresses this country has heard, only Abraham Lincoln's has stood the test of time."
FULL TEXT

Protest Groups, Too, Prepare for the President's Big Day
By Michael Janofsky - New York Times (January 13, 2005)
"Just as Inauguration Day planners are doing everything possible to ensure that all events next Thursday celebrate the start of President's Bush's second term, protesters are gearing up to disrupt them."
FULL TEXT

A High Level of Alert for the Inauguration
By David Johnston and Michael Janofsky - New York Times (January 12, 2005)
"Tom Ridge, the homeland security secretary, said Tuesday that even in the absence of any specific security threat to next week's presidential inauguration, civilian and military forces had been ordered to an extraordinarily high state of alert."
FULL TEXT

Town Hall

Same man, different president
Column By Jeff Jacoby - Town Hall (January 21, 2005)
"When George W. Bush took the oath of office four years ago, it was as a moderate Republican anxious to get beyond the unpleasantness of Florida and reclaim his reputation for easygoing bipartisanship. His agenda was hardly revolutionary: cutting taxes and improving public education at home, steering clear of nation-building abroad. He came across as easygoing, incurious, not given to hard thought or hard work -- and like his father, unencumbered by 'the vision thing.' "
FULL TEXT

Fighting tyranny, a revolutionary idea
Column By Jonah Goldberg - Town Hall (January 21, 2005)
"President Bush's historic second inaugural address will no doubt occasion endless amounts of insta-analysis (as opposed to the thoughtful and careful deliberation of this column). Much of that commentary will center around the alleged 'radicalism' of President Bush's 'freedom' agenda. Indeed, Time magazine already dubbed him an

'American Revolutionary' in its 2004 Person of the Year issue."
FULL TEXT

No lack of vision thing
Column By Mona Charen - Town Hall (January 21, 2005)
"George W. Bush is, above all, an idealist. We saw it during his first term in his passionate advocacy of faith-based charity and in his ardent desire to reform education. This is not a leader who thinks small."
FULL TEXT

The reality of American idealism
Column By Suzanne Fields - Town Hall (January 20, 2005)
"A clue to what the president will say in his second inaugural address this morning lies in the words he delivered four years ago: 'Through much of the last century, America's faith in freedom and democracy was a rock in a raging sea. Now it is a seed upon the wind, taking root in many nations.' "
FULL TEXT

Saluting our troops
Column By Rebecca Hagelin - Town Hall (January 20, 2005)
"Here's what President Bush did this week: He opened the festivities for his second inauguration by saluting America├ s military -- and, in the process, showed what a class act he is. At a time when he could justifiably boast of clear electoral success, of capturing the largest number of popular votes in American history, he graciously took the spotlight off himself and shined it on the people who defend our way of life every day."
FULL TEXT

'I do solemnly swear...'
Column By Jack Kemp - Town Hall (January 17, 2005)
"On Jan. 20, 2005, President George W. Bush will be sworn in as only the 16th president in the history of the United States to serve two or more terms. This week we are celebrating a quadrennial tradition of peaceful transition from one government to the next - something about which many countries even today can only dream. This transition has been accomplished peacefully for so long that we almost take for granted how truly remarkable this event really is."

Wall Street Journal

Way Too Much God
By Peggy Noonan - Opinion Journal - Wall Street Journal (January 21, 2005)
"It was an interesting Inauguration Day. Washington had warmed up, the swift storm of the previous day had passed, the sky was overcast but the air wasn't painful in a wind-chill way, and the capital was full of men in cowboy hats and women in long furs. In fact, the night of the inaugural balls became known this year as The Night of the Long Furs."
FULL TEXT

Liberty Bell Ringer
Opinion Journal - Wall Street Journal (January 21, 2005)
"If nothing else, President Bush's second inaugural address yesterday should put to rest the myth that the idealistic roots of his foreign policy aren't his own. The vast 'neo-con' conspiracy would appear to start at the top. Not since JFK in 1960 has an American President provided such an ambitious and unabashed case for the promotion of liberty at home and abroad."
FULL TEXT

Enthusiastic Parties to a Second Term
By Linton Weeks - Wall Street Journal (January 20, 2005)
"Slip into your sleekest Texas tux or slinkiest sequined dress, a pair of python-skin cowboy boots and, if you can get away with it, a cowboy hat. It's time for a grand old party -- the 55th Presidential Inauguration."
FULL TEXT

The Republican Moment
By Paul A. Gigot - Opinion Journal - Wall Street Journal (January 20, 2005)
"When President George W. Bush looks down across the mall today to deliver his second inaugural address, he will survey a Republican landscape. Not since 1928 has a president continued GOP control of the White House into a new term along with a re-elected Republican House and Senate. So it is fair to say that we are about to find out if the GOP really is a governing party."
FULL TEXT

The Pre-Emption Presidency
Opinion Journal - Wall Street Journal (January 20, 2005)
"Rare is the American president who arrives at his second inauguration wearing coattails. In 1956, Dwight Eisenhower won 57% of the popular vote, but lost two seats in the House and one in the Senate. Richard Nixon did better in 1972 and even picked up 12 seats in the House, but he lost two in the Senate. (Nixon called it his 'lonely victory.') Much the same went for Ronald Reagan's 1984 landslide and Bill Clinton's 1996 semi-landslide."
FULL TEXT

The 16th Second Inaugural
By Michael Barone - Opinion Journal - Wall Street Journal (January 19, 2005)
"Tomorrow George W. Bush will deliver his Second Inaugural speech, the 16th Second Inaugural delivered by an American president over the past 212 years. It will be the first time that one president has delivered a second inaugural just eight years after another since William McKinley in 1901. It can safely be predicted that Mr. Bush will not deliver the shortest Second Inaugural--George Washington's was only 135 words--nor the longest--James Monroe in 1821 went on for what must have been an hour. And we can be certain that he will not deliver the most sublime. Abraham Lincoln did that in 1865 in his Second Inaugural, surely the greatest speech ever delivered by an American president."
FULL TEXT

He Can't Believe It

By Vincent Phillip Munoz - Opinion Journal - Wall Street Journal (January 14, 2005)
"Next Thursday, George W. Bush's inauguration will include a religious invocation . . .unless Michael Newdow has his way. Mr. Newdow, the atheist lawyer who last year failed to persuade the Supreme Court to eliminate the words 'under God' from the Pledge of Allegiance, has filed a lawsuit seeking to remove all prayer and 'Christian religious acts' from the Jan. 20 inauguration."
FULL TEXT

Washington Post

Bush Pledges to Spread Freedom
By Peter Baker and Michael A. Fletcher - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"George Walker Bush took the oath of office for a second term yesterday and laid out one of the most expansive manifestos ever offered from an inaugural podium as he dedicated his presidency to spreading democracy and freedom 'with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world.' "
FULL TEXT

An Ambitious President Advances His Idealism
By John F. Harris - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"By now, four years into a presidency that has reshaped American politics and shaken the world, perhaps no one should be surprised by George W. Bush's ambition. Even so, the 21-minute address he delivered at the Capitol yesterday was startling in its reach."
FULL TEXT

Seeking a Sliver of History, No Obstacle Too Formidable
By Peter Whoriskey and Michelle Boorstein - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"The first hassle: Strollers were not permitted along the parade route. The kids would have to be dragged or carried."
FULL TEXT

Hill Serves Up Bipartisanship
By Mike Allen and Charles Babington - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"As they do every four years, congressional leaders played polite, quiet hosts to the president yesterday, letting him address the nation from the Capitol steps, then feeding him lunch in the lavish old House chambers. Bushes, Kennedys and Clintons chatted amiably, House Democratic and Republican leaders walked side by side without scowling, and dozens of familiar faces -- James A. Baker III, Dan Quayle, Barbara Bush among them -- greeted old friends in vaulted corridors."
FULL TEXT

In This Political Theater, A Supporting Cast of Thousands
By Joel Achenbach - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"It was a big, nervous party. An inauguration is so much harder to pull off now that everyone is viewed as a potential terrorist. The cops were lined four deep in some places along the parade route. The president talked a lot about freedom, but he was the least free man in Washington."
FULL TEXT

A Stoical Kerry on Bush's Day
By Dana Milbank - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"It was just as John F. Kerry must have dreamed it would be: There he stood on the Capitol dais on a sunny Inauguration Day, looking presidential in blue scarf and overcoat, as the Marine Band played 'Hail to the Chief' before the swearing-in."
FULL TEXT

Bush's Words On Liberty Don't Mesh With Policies
By Glenn Kessler and Robin Wright - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"President Bush's soaring rhetoric yesterday that the United States will promote the growth of democratic movements and institutions worldwide is at odds with the administration's increasingly close relations with repressive governments in every corner of the world."
FULL TEXT

Crowd Control, Not Terror, Causes Tense Moments
By Spencer S. Hsu, Sari Horwitz and Del Quentin Wilber - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"At 11:15 a.m. yesterday, as President Bush waited in the U.S. Capitol for his swearing-in ceremony, the command center of the FBI's Washington field office was humming with activity."
FULL TEXT

Laura Bush, Stepping Out
By Robin Givhan - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"It is a well known, but sad, reality that four years in the White House leave presidents looking haggard and gray. And of all the many things that President Bush has given in service to his country, one of them is his youthful appearance. But for the first lady, four years of public scrutiny, formal events and access to the best designers on Seventh Avenue have led to a remarkable transformation. First lady Laura Bush has never looked better or more obviously regal."
FULL TEXT

Visions in Need of a Little Realism
Column By E. J. Dionne Jr. - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"President Bush believes that the events of Sept. 11, 2001, called our nation to a long struggle to spread liberty throughout the world -- seemingly without any limits of geography, resources or time."
FULL TEXT

Big Goals, Unshakable Faith
By David S. Broder - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"In his brief but eloquent inaugural address, President Bush dedicated the balance of his time in office to the same far-reaching goal he set forth at the start of his first term: the worldwide realization of the ideals of freedom and democracy."
FULL TEXT

A Semi-Private Parade

Editorial - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"There were, in the end, protesters along the route of President Bush's inaugural parade. It is conceivable that the president might have even caught a glimpse of them. What there were not nearly enough of, however, were ordinary people: Washingtonians, out-of-towners or anyone at all who was neither a Bush donor with tickets to the bleachers nor a demonstrator with a permit to wave a sign. This was not an accident. In advance of the inauguration, the National Park Service granted the Presidential Inaugural Committee exclusive rights to nearly all of the sidewalk space along Pennsylvania Avenue, space to which the public had no access. When Post reporters asked the Secret Service, the Department of Homeland Security and the D.C. police this week where the public would be able to stand, no answer was forthcoming. Grudgingly, a Park Service spokesman said on Wednesday that the public might be able to find some open areas east of Seventh Street or west of 12th Street, a statement that did not exactly encourage casual parade-goers."
FULL TEXT

The Rhetoric of Freedom
Editorial - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
" 'We are ready for the greatest achievements in the history of freedom.' So President Bush yesterday concluded an inaugural address of expansive idealism, breathtaking ambition -- and uncertain relevance to the policies he will pursue in a second term. With rhetoric that soared above a Capitol surrounded by defensive barriers, a country sharply divided by his record and the grueling war in Iraq to which 150,000 American soldiers are committed, the president pledged the United States 'to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world.' More Wilsonian than conservative -- and far from the modest themes of domestic 'justice and opportunity' he spoke about four years ago -- Mr. Bush's address promised an aggressive internationalism, one that if seriously pursued would transform relations with many nations around the world."
FULL TEXT

A Grand Day, Woven From Little Moments
By Leef Smith - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"Daniel Green, a Metro bus driver for 17 years, reported for work at 3:15 a.m. -- not to drive his regular route, the S2 up and down 16th Street, but to drive the same 20 feet of I Street over and over again."
FULL TEXT

Away From Capitol, It's Just Another Day
By Paul Schwartzman and Karin Brulliard - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"The president's motorcade was crawling along Pennsylvania Avenue yesterday when Lillian Brown walked into the Capital Laundry Mat on Benning Road NE, pulling a blue basket filled with two large black plastic bags fat with clothes, including the white uniform she wears as a food server at St. Elizabeths Hospital."
FULL TEXT

Along Parade Route, a Fevered Pitch
By Maureen Fan - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"President Bush leaned forward in his seat, lifted his palm pinkie-first and waved though the tinted glass of his limousine yesterday, and 121 high school band members from southern Mississippi screamed at the top of their lungs."
FULL TEXT

Unwelcome and Unfazed, Demonstrators Push Messages
By Manny Fernandez and Eric Rich - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"They were pelted with snowballs, doused with pepper spray. They were outnumbered by police and by Bush loyalists, drowned out for the most part by the fanfare of the nation's 55th inauguration."
FULL TEXT

Ailing Rehnquist Administers the Oath of Office
By Charles Lane - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"Making his first official public appearance since his thyroid cancer was diagnosed three months ago, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist stood and, speaking in a damaged but clear voice, administered the presidential oath of office for the fifth and probably final time yesterday."
FULL TEXT

Dashing and Dancing
By Linton Weeks - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"Red: The streets of Washington ran red last night with elated Republicans, flowing to and from nine official balls -- and several unofficial ones. In tailored tuxes and glittery gowns, more than 50,000 folks from all over the country gathered to rejoice in the second inauguration of George W. Bush as president of the United States."
FULL TEXT

Division Streets, U.S.A.
By Hank Stuever - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"The churchiness of it all, here, safely past the inspectors in the security tent and at the foot of the Capitol. What a glorious, frozen inaugural morning. The women in furs, the men in fedoras, all sitting straight in folding chairs (each chair bearing the caterer's logo 'Party Perfect'), lulled into obedience by the Sousa, the angelic choirs, the mezzo-sopranos and the John Ashcroft hit parade:"
FULL TEXT

Tight Security, Strong Opinions Dominate a Day Full of Divisions
By Timothy Dwyer - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"Overwhelming security dominated the nation's 55th presidential inauguration yesterday, turning America's Main Street into an avenue of checkpoints and confrontations."
FULL TEXT

News Reports Emphasize Religious Tone of Inaugural Speech
By Keith B. Richburg - Washington Post (January 21, 2005)
"As foreign governments pondered their reactions to President Bush's inaugural speech Thursday, newspapers around the world reported it with particular emphasis on the religious tone and Bush's 27 references to 'freedom' in the United States and abroad."
FULL TEXT

By Dan Balz and Michael A. Fletcher - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"President Bush is a politician with large ambitions and few doubts, someone not easily given to mea culpas. But in the run-up to today's inauguration, he has at least hinted at some of the lessons learned in office. From his relations with Democrats in Congress to his approach to the rest of the world, Bush has suggested he will try to strike a different tone -- without abandoning principles or policies."
FULL TEXT

On the Table: A Domestic Policy That's More Inviting
By Sally Quinn - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"Most afternoons in Yemen, the men gather for social occasions and political discussions. They chew the fresh leaves of a plant called khat. The leaves are a mild stimulant and the men store them in their cheeks as they talk. Though they may be armed with machine guns, Kalashnikov rifles and crescent-shaped swords, there is never any fighting at these events. The purpose is to bond, negotiate power relationships, share information, make policy decisions and explore solutions to particularly divisive issues. These are called 'khat chews.' "
FULL TEXT

Twin Peeks
By Ann Gerhart - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"It's 10:40 p.m. Tuesday, and the crowd packed into a hotel ballroom for the Texas State Society's pre-inauguration party has just given an oversize Texas cheer for a party sponsor, the National Beer Wholesalers Association. Oh yeah!"
FULL TEXT

Snow and Crowds Descend on Capital
By Timothy Dwyer - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"Umbrellas of cascading fireworks over a snow-dusted White House lawn, the elegance of the storied Black Tie and Boots Ball and ever-tighter security precautions last night presaged today's 55th inauguration, when an expected 100,000 will sit and stand in the cold and cheer and jeer the president on his historic victory lap."
FULL TEXT

Fending Off the 'Second-Term Curse'
By David S. Broder - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"As he takes the oath of office for the second time today, President George W. Bush will confront major challenges, including an unfinished war in Iraq and a looming budget deficit and determined political opposition at home. And he also must overcome what some historians refer to as the 'second-term curse' -- the pattern of meager progress and increasing frustration for almost every reelected president in modern times."
FULL TEXT

Speech to Stress 'Expansion of Freedom'
By Jim VandeHei - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"With an eye toward history and his uncertain place in it, President Bush today will deliver a relatively short -- but distinctly idealistic -- inaugural address about America's calling to spread liberty, democracy and personal freedom around the world, according to White House officials."
FULL TEXT

Fool's Gold
By Richard Cohen - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"Alchemy is the purported science of turning base metals into gold. It does not exist. Political alchemy is the ability to turn hard failures into gossamer triumphs. It does exist. The inauguration of George W. Bush for a second term proves it."
FULL TEXT

What Lies Ahead For Bush
By David S. Broder - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"Four years ago, when the newly inaugurated George W. Bush called on his fellow Americans to 'show courage in a time of blessing,' he could not imagine the horrors of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks or the demands of war in Afghanistan and Iraq."
FULL TEXT

Inauguration Day
Editorial - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"It is enticing to think of Inauguration Day as a fresh start, even for a second-term president: a time to wipe the slate clean, to pocket past victories, forgive old errors and move on. President Bush himself embraced such a vision, from one perspective, when he said last week that he saw no need to hold any senior officials accountable for what critics view as first-term misjudgments about Iraq. 'We had an accountability moment, and that's called the 2004 election,' he told interviewers from The Post. Mr. Bush's political opponents like to imagine a fresh start from a different perspective. The president, they say, has a chance to be what (in their view) he failed to be the first time around: a uniter, an alliance-builder, a deficit hawk, a Middle East dove."
FULL TEXT

General Again Has A Front-Row Seat
By Brian Faler - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman was a fixture during the state funeral for President Ronald Reagan last year, when he was charged with accompanying Nancy Reagan through the official events marking her husband's death."
FULL TEXT

History Will Judge the Message and Its Messenger
By David Von Drehle - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"The history of inaugural addresses is a vast desert with hundreds of dry, empty miles between oases. The ground is littered with the bleached bones of bygone verbiage, faint metaphors and collapsed cliches. Some of the desert is unapologetically flat. Often, a mirage appears, sound bites shimmering lushly just out of reach, but dissolving upon close inspection."
FULL TEXT

Military Honored for Its Sacrifices, From Pearl Harbor to Iraq
By Susan Levine - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)

"They were wounded in early morning during the grueling assault of Iwo Jima, late at night on an abandoned street in Baghdad. In Korea and Vietnam, booby traps and land mines left their bodies embedded with shrapnel, and in Panama, the enemy's bullets shattered bone and worse."
FULL TEXT

Don't Be a Stranger! Be a Resident, Mr. President
By Marc Fisher - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"This president's Washington is an insular, institutional place, a city of cordoned-off safe zones and Jersey-barriered encampments. It's a place where even a bit of outdoor fun involves a trip to a secluded reserve, far from any ordinary person. It's a city where dinner out means mediocre meals in vast banquet halls, where even dinner with friends is a hurried, early evening affair."
FULL TEXT

Restaurants Rarely Get Chance to Serve President
By Paul Schwartzman - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"On a Tuesday afternoon in 2001, someone from the White House telephoned the El Paso Cafe in Arlington to announce that a small group of people would be coming for dinner. The caller, according to the restaurant's owner, Mario Arbaiza, did not identify the guests except to say that they were VIPs of the highest order."
FULL TEXT

A Wartime Event In a Different Spirit Of Personal Sacrifice
By Dana Milbank - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"Sixty years ago this month, Franklin D. Roosevelt held a wartime inauguration to reflect the country's spirit of doing without: no parade, no balls, only a cold lunch after a swearing-in on a White House balcony."
FULL TEXT

Bush Sworn In for Second Term as President
By William Branigin - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"President Bush today took the oath of office for a second term and proclaimed a goal of 'ending tyranny in our world' in an inaugural address delivered under unprecedented security."
FULL TEXT

Our City, but Not Our Parade
Column By Jeanne McManus - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"On Jan. 20, 1965, some women of my acquaintance put on their prom dresses, threw their winter coats over their shoulders, loaded themselves into a car, drove to the National Guard Armory and waltzed right into Lyndon Johnson's inaugural ball. They had neither invitations, tickets, credentials, political connections nor piles of cash. But political fundraising and security details were not then what they are today."
FULL TEXT

In 2nd Term, No Doubt About It
By Dana Milbank and Charles Babington - Washington Post (January 20, 2005)
"President Bush and his Cabinet nominees have been sending a firm message as they kick off a second term: no mistakes, no regret, no comment."
FULL TEXT

Jenna, Barbara rock with the future
By Jon Ward - Washington Post (January 19, 2005)
"Jenna Bush and Barbara Bush, now graduated from college and all grown up, took care of the youth constituency last night by hosting a concert at the D.C. Armory."
FULL TEXT

A Salute To Troops Launches Inaugural
By Timothy Dwyer - Washington Post (January 19, 2005)
"The nation's 55th inaugural celebration began yesterday amid cold and blustery weather, with a salute to the military past and present, a private reception for deep-pocketed supporters of President Bush and a youth event at the D.C. Armory hosted by the president's twin daughters and featuring teen-centric entertainers and a call to service for the country's youth."
FULL TEXT

2 Californians in Town for Very Different Reasons
By Michael E. Ruane - Washington Post (January 19, 2005)
"Both left California early Monday morning -- he from San Francisco, she from Los Angeles -- embarked on their missions to Washington."
FULL TEXT

Fit For A President
By Ken Ringle - Washington Post (January 19, 2005)
"The year was 1944, in the midst of World War II rationing, and Franklin D. Roosevelt requested the creamy chicken dish for his final inaugural luncheon. First lady Eleanor Roosevelt, among whose many gifts a discriminating palate was not known to number, intervened. She employed a notoriously penny-pinching housekeeper named Henrietta Nesbitt, whose parsimonious pantry was the bane of visiting guests. For the 2,000 luncheon guests, Nesbitt instead served up chicken salad, unbuttered rolls, unfrosted pound cake and coffee."
FULL TEXT

For the Troops, a Rousing Yet Somber Salute
By Teresa Wiltz - Washington Post (January 19, 2005)
"Technically, it was a celebration, but the overriding tone at MCI Center yesterday was a somber one, of tapping toes rather than clapping hands, of soft chuckles rather than outright guffaws. There were songs, sure, and marching bands and a gospel singer urging everybody to 'get something in your hand and wave it in the air.' "
FULL TEXT

A Tale of Two Texans
Column By Harold Meyerson - Washington Post (January 19, 2005)
"Forty years ago tomorrow, Lyndon Johnson took the presidential oath on the steps of the Capitol, and American -- and inaugural -- politics have not been the same since."
FULL TEXT

By Linton Weeks - Washington Post (January 19, 2005)
"When President Bush retakes the oath tomorrow, he will be surrounded by a broad buffer zone of protection. You can already feel it in the wire mesh caging in Lafayette Park and the Jersey barriers and portable fencing along downtown avenues."
FULL TEXT

Standoff Near White House Underscores Tight Security
By Del Quentin Wilber and Allan Lengel - Washington Post (January 19, 2005)
"A man threatening to blow up his van waged a standoff with authorities a short distance from the White House yesterday, triggering the evacuation of several blocks of downtown on the first day of inaugural activities."
FULL TEXT

Bush's Next Test
Column By David Ignatius - Washington Post (January 19, 2005)
"Watching television footage of George Bush's first inauguration, you can see how nervous he was -- his body tense, his eyes darting back and forth. His suit seemed half a size too big, and he confessed to a television interviewer that he was afraid he might cry when he saw his dad on the podium."
FULL TEXT

D.C. Pushes To Be Paid For Security
By Lori Montgomery - Washington Post (January 19, 2005)
"D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams yesterday criticized the Bush administration's refusal to reimburse the District for costs related to tomorrow's inauguration, calling it 'an unfunded mandate' that promises to gobble up cash needed to prepare the nation's capital for a potential terror attack."
FULL TEXT

Tribute to Military Personnel Launches Inaugural Festivities
By Timothy Dwyer and Michael Laris - Washington Post (January 18, 2005)
"The first event of the nation's 55th inaugural celebration starts three days of celebration and security measures today, beginning the festivities with a salute to the military."
FULL TEXT

The Roosevelts, Kennedys, and Now the Bushes
By John F. Harris - Washington Post (January 17, 2005)
"Amid the celebration and crowds of Inauguration Day came a surprisingly intimate moment between father and son. As John F. Kennedy's parade passed the reviewing stand where Joseph P. Kennedy was watching, the new president looked up and tipped his hat -- a gesture of affection and gratitude to the patriarch who had dreamed for years of putting a son in the White House."
FULL TEXT

To Big Event's Volunteers, No Job Is Too Minor
By Maureen Fan - Washington Post (January 17, 2005)
"Inaugural volunteers have been streaming into Washington, joining thousands of local volunteers for a momentous task that is honor, duty and job networking all rolled into one, and more of them are scheduled to arrive this week."
FULL TEXT

Final Preparations Before 'Game Time'
By Maureen Fan and Carol Morello - Washington Post (January 17, 2005)
"Todd Shapiro was one of the first in line yesterday at the 'will call' ticket office at the Loews Hotel at L'Enfant Plaza, flying in from New York City on Saturday night just to pick up his inaugural tickets. He planned to fly back home yesterday, then return to Washington tomorrow for the start of the inaugural celebrations."
FULL TEXT

Four More (War) Years
Commentary By Richard H. Kohn - Washington Post (January 16, 2005)
"George W. Bush has chosen to call himself a war president, but as he embarks upon a second term, he confronts a challenge no American war president has ever before encountered."
FULL TEXT

For the Big Day, Cartloads of After-Dinner Mementos
By Don Oldenburg - Washington Post (January 15, 2005)
"Less than a week to go to the 55th Presidential Inauguration and the memorabilia mania has begun. But this souvenir thing, it's a little like the cicadas. Every four years, a gazillion inaugural keepsakes pop up in hotel gift stores, shops and streetside vendors. They get a lot of buzz. Then, a day after the inauguration, they're gone."
FULL TEXT

Inaugural Bash
By Joel Achenbach - Washington Post (January 15, 2005)
"They call it J-20, sort of like a military code name. They also call it a coronation. A charade. The Inaugural Charade."
FULL TEXT

Inaugural Protesters Take On War, Other Issues
By Vanessa Williams - Washington Post (January 15, 2005)
"The war in Iraq transformed Nancy Mancias from a socially conscious artist into a social activist, and she has traveled across the country to join thousands who plan to protest next week during President Bush's inauguration."
FULL TEXT

Inauguration Week: Deep Blue Scene
Column By Linda Hales - Washington Post (January 15, 2005)
"The Presidential Inaugural Committee has thrown a veil of secrecy around the look and style of Inaugural Week 2005. But the celebration of George W. Bush's second term promises these symbolism-charged visuals:"
FULL TEXT

The Specter at Thursday's Party
Column By Colbert I. King - Washington Post (January 15, 2005)
"Come next Thursday Republicans will dance the night away, as is their due. To the victor goes the right to boogie, and George W. Bush and company earned their evening

of fun and frolic at the polls in November. That said, there is a case to be made for a show of restraint and humility during the nation's 55th presidential inauguration. After all, when it comes to the war in Iraq, it's not as if accountability got a fair shake on Election Day."
FULL TEXT

Inauguration Donations Swell by $7.7 Million
By Maureen Fan - Washington Post (January 15, 2005)
"Twenty-seven individuals and 45 companies, from Anheuser-Busch to Wachovia, donated $7,720,000 to the Presidential Inaugural Committee in the last week, bringing the total amount raised so far to $25,515,000, according to an inaugural donor list, which was updated yesterday."
FULL TEXT

Atheist Challenges Inaugural Prayers
By Carol D. Leonnig - Washington Post (January 14, 2005)
"A California atheist asked a federal judge yesterday to stop President Bush from having two Protestant ministers say prayers at the inauguration, arguing that it would violate his constitutional rights to the separation of church and state."
FULL TEXT

Inauguration Can't Dampen Activist's Passion
Column By Donna Britt - Washington Post (January 14, 2005)
"Immediately after the riveting, emotionally charged 2004 presidential election, Democrats felt a palpable post-election melancholy. Many felt certain that John Kerry's defeat meant awful things for the nation -- feelings their Republican-voting fellow citizens doubtless would have experienced had Kerry prevailed."
FULL TEXT

Inauguration 2005: Tickets, Security, Pomp and Circumstance
By Eve Zibart - Washington Post (January 14, 2005)
"The joint congressional inaugural committee, which controls the tickets to Thursday's swearing-in ceremonies, chose 'A Vision of America' as its theme for the 2005 presidential inauguration, to salute both the bicentennial of the Lewis & Clark expedition's reaching the Pacific Ocean after 18 months in the wilderness and the centennial of the wilderness-loving Theodore Roosevelt's swearing-in."
FULL TEXT

Big-Money Contributors Line Up for Inauguration
By Thomas B. Edsall and Jeffrey H. Birnbaum - Washington Post (January 13, 2005)
"President Bush wants to lower barriers to building nuclear power plants, and the lobby that promotes nuclear energy could not be happier. To show its thanks, the group has given $100,000 to help pay for his inauguration."
FULL TEXT

A Wide Variety of Protest Planned for Inauguration
By Manny Fernandez - Washington Post (January 13, 2005)
"Protesters unveiled more specifics about their plans yesterday for a spirited day of demonstrations to counter President Bush's second inauguration next Thursday, as one group said it was considering a lawsuit to gain more access to the parade route."
FULL TEXT

D.C. Getting Burned for Bush's Party
Column By Courtland Milloy - Washington Post (January 12, 2005)
"Let's see if I've got this straight: The Bush White House is planning to hold the most expensive presidential inauguration in U.S. history, in the midst of a war in Iraq and in the aftermath of a disaster that has the world in mourning, and the administration wants the District to help pay for the spectacle -- by diverting federal money from the city's homeland security budget, no less."
FULL TEXT

Inauguration Shutdown Of Downtown Extensive
By Spencer S. Hsu and Sari Horwitz - Washington Post (January 12, 2005)
"Federal officials announced plans yesterday to close roughly 100 square blocks of downtown Washington to vehicles on Inauguration Day and to restrict traffic on another 100 square blocks."
FULL TEXT

U.S. Tells D.C. to Pay Inaugural Expenses
By Spencer S. Hsu - Washington Post (January 11, 2005)
"D.C. officials said yesterday that the Bush administration is refusing to reimburse the District for most of the costs associated with next week's inauguration, breaking with precedent and forcing the city to divert $11.9 million from homeland security projects."
FULL TEXT

Sticking D.C. With the Tab
Editorial - Washington Post (January 11, 2005)
"The full scope and extravagance of President Bush's second inauguration will be decided by inaugural planners and federal officials. The District of Columbia is hardly a bystander in this quadrennial event, however, because it is always called upon to provide security and other local services. Until this year, that arrangement has not been a problem for either party."
FULL TEXT

First Lady's Inaugural Wardrobe Sparkles
By Robin Givhan - Washington Post (January 11, 2005)
"The inaugural gown that first lady Laura Bush will wear next week is an ice blue and silver embroidered tulle V-neck dress with a matching duchess satin coat by Seventh Avenue designer Oscar de la Renta."
FULL TEXT

Inaugural Security Draws on Latest Technologies
By Sari Horwitz and Spencer S. Hsu - Washington Post (January 10, 2005)
"The nerve center for the most heavily guarded presidential inauguration in history will not be in Washington, where President Bush will take the oath of office, but 25 miles away in a futuristic command post in Northern Virginia."
FULL TEXT

Bush vows to end global tyranny
By Bill Sammon - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"President Bush was sworn in for his second term yesterday and used his inaugural address to lay out an unapologetically aggressive agenda that amounts to nothing less than 'ending tyranny in our world.' "
FULL TEXT

Address lays groundwork for global freedom mission
By Donald Lambro - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"President Bush's inaugural address sends the United States on a new, expansionist and far more aggressive global mission to free oppressed countries from dictators -- a sharp departure from his 2000 campaign that warned against becoming the world's policemen."
FULL TEXT

Faithful Bush calls on God's blessings
By Julia Duin - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"President Bush mixed images of the Almighty as a just ruler, as a judge, and as a freedom-loving deity in a speech that surpassed his 2001 inaugural address in references to God."
FULL TEXT

Winter freeze no barrier for thousands at inaugural
By Christina Bellantoni and Jon Ward - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"Tens of thousands of well-wishers from around the country braved Washington's winter chill to bask in pomp and circumstance as they helped celebrate President Bush's second inauguration -- the country's 55th ceremony to install a commander in chief."
FULL TEXT

Homebound locals ante up for inaugural
By Jeffrey Sparshott - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"Online poker was dealer's choice for many Washington-area residents who stayed home this week to wait out cold weather and inauguration-related traffic tie-ups and security snarls."
FULL TEXT

'Inch of snow' shuts down air marshals
By Audrey Hudson - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"Hundreds of federal air marshals were grounded and unable to access critical information to pinpoint potential terrorist activity for eight hours on the eve of President Bush's inauguration after snow paralyzed the Mission Operations Center in Washington, said several air marshals and a supervisor."
FULL TEXT

Wary Europe keeps eye on President Bush
By Robert Barr - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"As President Bush kicks off his second term, he has pockets of international support from Tokyo to Tel Aviv -- but many around the world warily contemplate how the next chapter will unfold under a leader they see as cocky, shallow and dangerous."
FULL TEXT

Early to bed, early to rise
By Joseph Curl - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"The lights in the White House clicked on well before dawn on Inauguration Day."
FULL TEXT

Frail, determined Rehnquist gives oath
By James G. Lakely - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, frail from cancer treatments and speaking in a strong but raspy voice, braved the cold yesterday to swear in President Bush for a second term in what might be one of the ailing justice's last public appearances."
FULL TEXT

Commander's ball glitters with stars
By Christian Toto - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"For the first presidential inauguration since the September 11 attacks, it seems only fitting that the newly minted Commander in Chief Ball honoring the armed forces would draw some of the night's biggest names."
FULL TEXT

The inaugural address
Editorial - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"Let it never be said that the 43rd president does not aspire to lead America to lofty heights: '[W]e are ready for the greatest achievements in the history of freedom,' Mr. Bush declared yesterday in his second inaugural address. It was a speech short on details, heavy on ideals -- in sum, a speech unapologetically American."
FULL TEXT

Bush's inaugural is a family affair
By Jennifer Harper - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"The Bush clan came to town yesterday -- fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, uncles, aunts, grandmothers, toddlers -- to salute one of their own."
FULL TEXT

Presidential fanfare draws mixed reviews
By Joyce Howard Price - Washington Times (January 21, 2005)
"A waitress at a family restaurant in Essex, Md., says she 'loves' President Bush and watched his inauguration yesterday, but thinks it is 'ridiculous' to have so much to-do over a second inaugural."
FULL TEXT

Bush to embrace a bold agenda
By Joseph Curl - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"President Bush opens his second term at noon today with one eye on an ambitious domestic agenda and the other on his legacy as a leader of the free world seeking to establish freedom and democracy in the Middle East and beyond."

FULL TEXT

On inaugural day, faith of our fathers
By Wesley Pruden - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"Decisiveness is the quality everyone demands in the president, but it's the ability of the man in the Oval Office to speak his mind, not retreat in the face of confrontation, and act on what he says that usually lands presidents in controversy."
FULL TEXT

Unflappable 2nd in command
By Ralph Z. Hallow - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"Dick Cheney's sagest public moment in politics wasn't a moment at all. It was an event that spanned 10 days last year, beginning with his Oct. 5 debate against Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards."
FULL TEXT

Timeline: The first four years
The Washington Times - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"Jan. 20: Mr. Bush is inaugurated as the 43rd president of the United States."
FULL TEXT

Rise of 'dynasty' quick, far-reaching
By Joseph Curl - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"George W. Bush's re-election to the presidency -- in which he won the most popular votes in history -- solidifies the Bush family as America's greatest political dynasty, historians say."
FULL TEXT

A powerful ritual of U.S. governing
By Jennifer Harper - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"A solemn oath, weighty speeches, a swell parade and some splendid soirees: The inauguration is a rite of passage every American president has shared for the past 216 years."
FULL TEXT

9/11 heightens security concerns
By Jon Ward - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"Planning for President Bush's second inaugural -- the country's 55th presidential inauguration -- was more extensive and more secretive than in years past, largely because of terrorism concerns, organizers said."
FULL TEXT

Laura Bush, Ready to Pick Up The Story Where She Left Off
By Ann Gerhart - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"Campaigning tirelessly, Laura Bush helped to reinstall her husband in the White House -- 'She's the reason I won,' the president said. But do not expect any public pronouncements from the first lady about spending her political capital."
FULL TEXT

Four embarking on second terms
Editorial - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"Today, George W. Bush will deliver the 55th presidential inaugural address in the nation's history. He will be only the third president to deliver a second inaugural speech while America is at war. In this solemn capacity, President Bush joins James Madison and Abraham Lincoln. There have been 15 presidential elections since World War II, and Mr. Bush will be the fifth president to deliver a second inaugural address. Only two of the previous four (Dwight Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan) ended their presidencies without being impeached (Bill Clinton) or being forced to resign (Richard Nixon)."
FULL TEXT

Unique day of hope
Commentary By John E. Carey - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"Why do we; why should we care about the Inauguration? There really isn't much drama. Indeed, no president-elect has ever balked and failed to take the oath of office. Moreover, except for George Washington's two-paragraph second Inaugural address, the speeches have often been predictable -- sometimes windy, even formulaic."
FULL TEXT

Unseen political currents
Commentary By J.T. Young - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"With today's inauguration, President George W. Bush's second term officially begins. Any president's re-election sets up a second term cycle of ascension and decline."
FULL TEXT

With resolve
Commentary By Donald Lambro - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"President Bush's second-term Inauguration sets the stage for what is shaping up to be an extraordinary, possibly historic, four years of reform at home and abroad."
FULL TEXT

Snow, wind hamper concert on Ellipse
By Jon Ward - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"Thousands of people braved what one reveler called 'painfully cold' temperatures and snowy, gridlocked streets yesterday to celebrate President Bush's re-election at a concert on the Ellipse amid tight security."
FULL TEXT

Democrats to put on a brave face
By Charles Hurt - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"President Bush's critics in Congress are expected to set aside partisan differences today and dutifully attend the presidential inauguration, Capitol Hill staffers say."
FULL TEXT

Inaugural price tag in line with history
By Joseph Curl - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"Reuters news agency this week headlined a story, 'Critics Say Bush Inaugural Too Lavish for Wartime,' then quoted one 'critic,' Rep. Anthony Weiner, New York Democrat, who complained that the estimated $40 million for the Bush-Cheney inauguration is extravagant."

FULL TEXT

Bush protesters taking to streets across country
Associated Press - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"While President Bush's supporters celebrate his inauguration today, thousands of protesters across the United States aim to hit the streets with demonstrations and rallies against the returning administration."
FULL TEXT

Securing the inauguration
By Matthew Cella - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"Law enforcement officials say security for President Bush's second inaugural will be the most formidable in history, with authorities pledging to protect scores of dignitaries and hundreds of thousands of spectators while keeping events open and accessible to the public."
FULL TEXT

Tighter security in place
By Ann Geracimos - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"Big. Bigger. Better. Best. Superlatives flow when it comes to describing social festivities surrounding the inauguration. Nobody knows this better than party planners and companies hired to provide appropriate food and drink for the events."
FULL TEXT

First lady poised, low-key
By Stephanie Mansfield - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"The signs were everywhere. In crayon, colored marker and bright red poster paint. 'We Love Laura ... We Love Laura. Laura for President.' "
FULL TEXT

Changing face of Cabinet
By James G. Lakely - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"President Bush has completed the largest simultaneous Cabinet shake-up in history, filling key slots with longtime loyalists ready to aggressively advocate his ambitious second-term agenda."
FULL TEXT

Bush's mark of leadership
By Bill Sammon - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"When President Bush raises his right hand and takes the oath of office at today's inauguration, he will become the first son of a U.S. president to be sworn in for a second term."
FULL TEXT

To the Future
By George W. Bush - Washington Times (January 20, 2005)
"At noon today it will be my great honor to take the Presidential Oath of Office for the second time. I am humbled by the trust and confidence of my fellow citizens. With that trust comes a duty to serve all Americans, and I will do my best to fulfill that duty every day as President."
FULL TEXT

Missiles deployed for inauguration
By Bill Gertz - Washington Times (January 19, 2005)
"The military has deployed anti-aircraft missiles within range of the Capitol as part of security enhancements for tomorrow's presidential inauguration."
FULL TEXT

Inaugural anxieties
Commentary By Cal Thomas - Washington Times (January 19, 2005)
"Probably more vigilance and money are being devoted to protecting Thursday's inauguration of President Bush from terrorists than have beena dedicated to any public event on U.S. soil in history."
FULL TEXT

Letting freedoms ring
Op-Ed By Helle Dale - Washington Times (January 19, 2005)
"The rituals of swearing in a U.S. president always touch a deep chord. Goose bumps never fail some of us, nor does a sense of awe that this is possible in a country the size of the United States with such a diverse population. It's a beautiful thing to behold."
FULL TEXT

Caterers scramble to work around inaugural security
By Donna De Marco - Washington Times (January 18, 2005)
"The presidential inauguration's extensive security measures have become a logistical nightmare for caterers serving parties for the city's elite along the parade route Thursday."
FULL TEXT

Military scopes parade route
By Jim McElhatton - Washington Times (January 17, 2005)
"Thousands of members of the military lined the presidential inauguration parade route yesterday morning from the Capitol to the White House in an elaborate dress rehearsal that included horses, marching units and stand-ins for the president and vice president."
FULL TEXT

Bush speech to be 'historical marker'
By Audrey Hudson - Washington Times (January 17, 2005)
"President Bush's inaugural speech on Thursday will reveal a philosophical framework and guiding principles to 'lead this country and this world to peace through liberty,' White House adviser Dan Bartlett said yesterday."
FULL TEXT

U.S. hopeful about second term
Associated Press - Washington Times (January 17, 2005)
"A majority of Americans say they feel hopeful about President Bush's second term, but those hopes are clouded by doubts about when the bloodshed in Iraq will end."
FULL TEXT

Inaugural security blanket

Commentary By Dale McFeatters - Washington Times (January 16, 2005)
"To celebrate President Bush's inauguration next Thursday, the nation's capital has turned itself into an armed camp. Outside of Baghdad's Green Zone, downtown Washington will be the most heavily fortified city in the world."
FULL TEXT

Anti-Bush inaugural bashes to abound
By Jennifer Harper - Washington Times (January 15, 2005)
"Loyal Republicans, esteemed statesmen, satin-wrapped ladies and country music luminaries have their place in the spectrum of inaugural festivities."
FULL TEXT

Galaxy of stars at inauguration
By Stephanie Mansfield - Washington Times (January 14, 2005)
"Country star Kenny Chesney and his famously tight Levi's will be in town for next week's inauguration. His good pal, Kid Rock, will not."
FULL TEXT

Protesters to rain on Bush's parade
From combined dispatches - Washington Times (January 13, 2005)
"Protesters will march through Washington, stage a 'die in' across from the White House and turn their backs on President Bush's limousine during his inaugural celebration next week, organizers said yesterday."
FULL TEXT

Collectible inaugural
By Stephanie Mansfield - Washington Times (January 11, 2005)
"When it comes to President Bush 2005 inaugural memorabilia, Brian Harlin says the fever for collecting is spiking."
FULL TEXT

Freedom's Gala
By James S. Robbins - National Review - (January 19, 2005)
"Washington, D.C. is a party town. It always has been. Any excuse is good enough to have a celebration, and the festivities surrounding the quadrennial inauguration ceremony top them all. In more genteel times the inaugural ball was considered the closing event of the formal entertainment season. However, this year some have questioned the propriety of inaugural celebrations. Our nation is at war, and they feel that such outpourings of festive spirit are inappropriate when our fighting forces are facing privation in foreign lands. They cite the examples of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt, both reelected, both taking the oath under shadow of war, and both having minimal celebrations. Surely, they maintain, these are prototypes for our troubled times."
FULL TEXT